

The Kitchen Cabinet

What we call Luck,
Is simply Pluck.
And doing things over and over;
Courage and will
Perseverance and skill
Are the four leaves of Luck's Clover.

MORE CHESTNUT RECIPES.



There are so many delicious dishes which may be prepared from chestnuts that it is impossible to list them all. Here are a few of the more popular ones.

Chestnut Pudding.—Make a syrup of a pint of water and a pound of sugar; add 50 shelled and blanched chestnuts, and stew tender. Remove the nuts from the syrup and add a fourth of a pound each of seeded raisins and currants, and stew until tender. To the sifted nuts add a pint of sweetened cream in which the yolks of eight eggs have been cooked until smooth; cool, put into a freezer, flavor with vanilla and freeze. When thoroughly frozen add the fruit and a pint of whipped cream; cover closely and let stand for several hours to ripen.

Chestnut and Apple Dessert.—Roll one pound of large chestnuts for 15 minutes, remove the shells and skins, boil in a cupful of milk until soft enough to press through a sieve. Butter a mold well and line it with slices of thick, sliced apple sauce, sweetened and colored pink with current jelly; then add another layer of nuts and one of apple and squeeze on a little lemon juice. Bake in a moderate oven and serve with whipped cream.

Chestnut Fritters.—Cook nuts, peel and mash them; add to a pound of nuts a seasoning of butter, a beaten egg and flour to make a soft dough; roll into small balls or flat cakes, dip to egg and fry in olive oil.

Chestnuts cooked and used in various combinations make most dainty salads. With apple and celery and mayonnaise served in lettuce nests, or with pineapple or any other fruit chestnuts combine well.

Preserved Chestnuts.—These make a most delicious conserve to use throughout the year for various garnishes or desserts. Roast or boil the nuts, blanch them and drop into a sirup made by using a pint of water, a pound of sugar, the juice of two lemons and the grated rind of one. Simmer gently for half an hour or more, then bottle and seal.

Chestnut Soup.—This is one of the most delicious of soups and adds a pleasing variety. Boil a pound of chestnuts until the inner husk will rub off easily, then place the blanched chestnuts or almonds in a saucepan in which two tablespoonfuls of butter have been browned with four tablespoonfuls of chopped onion, cooked without browning; then add three cups of water, some celery, salt, mace, and pepper to taste. Cook gently one hour. Beat an egg yolk and add to the soup through a sieve and add to the milk. Sprinkle with a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, reheat and serve with croutons.

**Good fortune attend each merry friend,
Who dreads the best he may,
Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs
To drive the cold weather away.**

MORE COFFEE DISHES.

Coffee as a flavor may be used in many dishes and gives a most pleasing change from the regulations of the regulation.

Coffee Cream Pudding.—Take five tablespoonfuls of strong coffee, one and a half tablespoonfuls of powdered gelatin and water in a cupful of gelatin is dissolving cook together the yolks of three eggs, a pinch of salt, four tablespoonfuls of sugar and one and a half cupfuls of milk; when smooth add the coffee and gelatin mixture, cool and fold in one cupful of whipped cream; stir occasionally until it begins to stiffen, then pour into a wet mold. Garnish with grated coconut and pistachio nuts.

Coffee as a flavor for fondant or panache with nuts is a combination well liked.

Coffee Bavarian Cream.—Dissolve two large tablespoonfuls of gelatin in half a cupful of boiling water; add two-thirds of a cupful of sugar and two cupfuls of good hot coffee. Strain and cool. Stir until the mixture begins to thicken, then fold in two cupfuls of whipped cream. Pour into a wet mold and when stiff serve with sponge cake.

Coffee Flummery.—Dissolve one heaping tablespoonful of gelatin in two pints of boiling water; when cool, add one cupful of strong coffee, then sweeten to taste. When the jelly begins to set, beat the whites of two eggs until stiff, then add a half cupful of sugar; beat all together until firm. Serve cold.

Coffee Charlotte Russe.—Take a half cupful of strong, clear, hot coffee, add two heaping tablespoonfuls of pow-

dered gelatin. Scald a cupful of milk, with half a cupful of sugar, a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, and the yolks of two eggs; gradually add two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar, and when the custard is thick stir in the gelatin mixture. Strain and stir over a dish of chopped ice until it begins to thicken, then fold in three tablespoonfuls of cream, whipped. Turn into a large mold lined with lady fingers.

SEASONABLE DISHES.

Dates are not expensive and they may be used in combination with other fruit, making a most wholesome salad.

Steamed Date Pudding.—Cream half a cupful of butter, add one cupful each of molasses and milk, one pound of stoned and chopped dates, mixed with two cupfuls of stale bread crumbs, one teaspoonful of soda and half a teaspoonful each of cloves, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg; mixed and sifted with one cupful of entire wheat flour. Turn into a buttered pudding dish and steam three hours. Serve with creamy sauce.

Creamy Sauce.—To the beaten whites of two eggs add one cupful of powdered sugar and one cupful of whipped cream, blend lightly; add a teaspoonful each of vinegar and vanilla in extract.

Hot vegetable soup made of any small amount of leftover vegetables with the addition of a binding of butter and flour and a little milk; will make a most appetizing dish of soup for a chilly night.

Rhubarb Sponge.—Clean and cut in half-inch pieces one pound of rose rhubarb. Do not remove the skin. Stew until tender in one-fourth of a cupful of boiling water, or just enough to cook without scorching. Soften one ounce of granulated gelatin in one-third of a cupful of cold water. Strain the cooked rhubarb, pressing out all the juice and add enough boiling water to make three cupfuls. Mix three-fourths of a cupful of sugar and a half teaspoonful of ground ginger. Stir in the rhubarb juice and add the gelatin, stirring until the gelatin is dissolved.

Add a grated rind and strained juice of one lemon and set the mixture to chill. When it begins to thicken add the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs and beat until stiff. Mold. Serve with beaten and sweetened whipped cream.

Pumpkin Pie.—Take a cupful of well-cooked, sifted pumpkin; add a pint of rich milk, a half cupful of brown sugar, a teaspoonful of ginger, a dash of cinnamon and a half teaspoonful of lemon extract. Fill the crust and bake slowly.

Friendship is helpful—not so much because it helps you as because it compels you to help your friend. Selfishness is the destruction of friendship. —Amos R. Wells.

GOOD TABLE THINGS.

Rice is such a good old standby that the following dish is quite a surprise, because of its elegance.

Rice Pudding.—Wash a fourth of a cupful of rice. Let it boil five minutes in salted water and drain carefully; then put it into a double boiler with a fourth of a teaspoonful of salt and two cupfuls of milk and cook until the grains are tender. Add three-fourths of a cupful of powdered sugar and let cool slightly. Soak one-fourth of a box of gelatin in two tablespoonfuls of water, then add three tablespoonfuls of boiling water and let stand in a warm place until well dissolved. Set it into a pan of ice water and stir until it begins to set, then flavor with vanilla and fold in a cupful of heavy cream beaten until stiff. Put the mixture into a quart mold and fill the corners well, press on the cover over paper. Let stand packed in equal parts of ice and salt for two hours. The mixture should not be frozen, simply well chilled. Serve on a platter with cubes of lemon or orange jelly around it. Preserves of any kind may be used instead of the jelly if so desired.

Pumpkin Cream.—Cover a cupful of well washed pumpkins with cold water and let stand overnight. Cook in the same water until soft, remove the stones and put the pulp through a sieve. Add a cupful of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, a pinch of salt, and one and a fourth cupfuls of heavy cream beaten until stiff. Freeze as usual.

Rice cooked in salted water and served with a cheese sauce makes a most nourishing dish.

Cheese Sauce.—Put three tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, add three tablespoonfuls of flour, and stir until blended, then pour on gradually, stirring constantly, one and a half cupfuls of milk. Bring to the boiling point and add a cupful of good flavored cheese, cut in small bits; season with salt and plenty of paprika with a dash of cayenne.

Synthetic milk is being produced from peanuts by European chemists. The production and distribution of electricity in Edinburgh has been made by a municipal monopoly.

Helmets for aviators have been invented with wireless receiving telephones built into the ear flaps. The Japanese are paying much attention to Australian eels suitable for roasting or smelting in Japan.

The Russian navy of Russia has replaced its telephone service with an American system.

Midirected Ambition. Love of display—to outline their neighbors—seems to be the sole ambition of many women. Circumstances do not concern them—they want to get ahead of those around who are more prosperous than they are, and sometimes do get ahead regardless of the fact that they are compelled to go beyond their means to accomplish this end.

Persons whose incomes are limited know, or should know, that they cannot outdo those to whom money is a

secondary consideration, yet many misguided women, who should count every penny, live or try to live as their well-to-do neighbors. For a time the face is kept up, but when the crash comes the only real sufferer in the foolish drama is the merchant or firm who extended a line of credit to the woman in the case.—Exchange.

An Australian is the inventor of a recording target which shows the course of bullets in relation to both stationary and moving objects.

Fads and Fancies Of Fashion

If you are about to order a new suit for general wear, you will find an unusual state of things in the matter of styles. There is a sort of go-as-you-please situation, and you may have your coat long or short, and your skirt wide or narrow at the bottom. The tailor cannot dictate, because from the

For very little girls plain, white sheer fabrics are made up with fine lingerie laces as usual, in dresses for all their "dresses" occasions. Plain linen in colors (usually combined with white in the bodice) is a favorite for daily wear, andingham holds its own as the best of fabrics for play dresses.



PRACTICAL DEMI-SEASON SUITS.

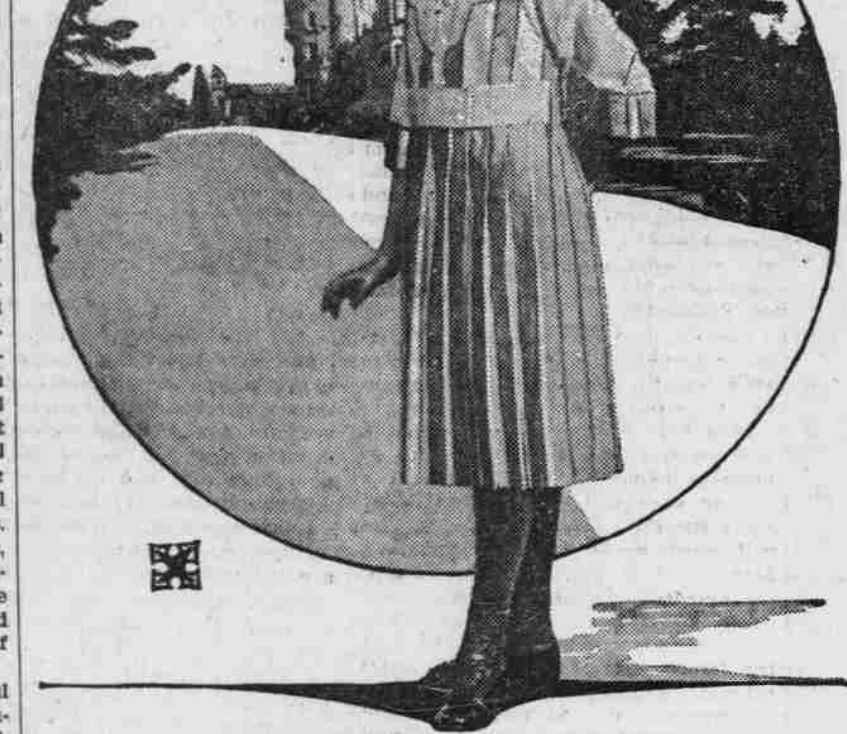
standpoint of fashionableness one thing is not better than another. No one knows just why this state of things has come about, but it may be because no such attention has been given to sports suits and one-piece frocks that the tailor suit has become somewhat neglected by costumers. They refuse to make predictions, and women are left the joyful liberty of choosing whatever style is most becoming.

Plain goods are always worn, and checks in very pretty color combinations have already appeared in smart models. Inasmuch as the tailored suit will give way to the sports suit, which

Nearly all the new styles are rather plain, with plaits featured in skirts and the bodice wholly or in part made of a white cotton material.

For a girl of eleven years or so this combination of materials has been handed with excellent taste in the dress shown in the picture. Cotton poplin for any of the moderately heavy weaves will prove a good selection in the striped material, and the white in the bodice might be of a thinner goods, as India linen or percale or batiste.

The bodice is cut quite plain, of the white fabric, and fastens down the front with pearl buttons. Embroiderments of the striped goods are stitched



SPRING STYLES IN CHILDREN'S DRESSES.

will take its place whenever there is the least excuse for doing so, the tailored suit may be quiet as to color and conservative as to style.

In the picture a shepherd's check and a plain cloth are presented as sensible models for the demi-season. And even if a decided style tendency develops later on these suits will hold their own, for they are built to fulfill all that is required in practical street clothes.

Lent is not far away, and that means that time will soon bring leisure to devote to spring sewing. New fabrics and styles for the coming season are already presented. Those for children interest the home dressmaker most; she feels safe in making wash dresses for little girls because they are not subject to last-minute whims of fashion.

Two New Blouses. A lovely blouse of gray Georgette has a very full front fastening at the side. At the fullness is held by a band of beige satin embroidered in gray silk, below which are a great many pin tucks. The collar and cuffs are also pin-tucked and have embroidered bands to finish. Then there is a gold georgette with a prominent collar made of double-faced ribbon—plum and gold. The collar is put on with the plum-colored side out—and the ribbon is turned over to show the gold.

The cuffs are made in the same fashion and there is plum and gold silk embroidery down each side of the front and below the collar in back.

Waists for Spring. The waists for spring are unusually snappy in style and show a wider range of colors than formerly. Says the Dry Goods Economist. This is especially true of blouses to be worn with sports suits or with stylish separate skirt of the better kind.

Grease Effective "Danger" Sign. A Philadelphia contractor who has observed that pedestrians pay little attention to signs has evolved a new plan to guard against accidents to "innocent bystanders." A steam shovel working many feet below the surface of the street attracts scores of persons daily. They stop, lean over the board railing around the excavation and stare. Sometimes the crowd gets so large that there is danger of the railing giving way and plunging them into the excavation. "Danger!"

signs don't worry them—hence the new idea of the contractor. He has smeared the top of the railing with tar and grease. Now persons who never shudder at the "danger" sign flee from the grease menace as if it were poison.

Reality Movement. Any activity in real estate about here," asked the tourist. "None whatever," answered the disconsolate citizen of an Arizona town, "except when a puff of wind comes along and shifts a little sand."

EFFORT TO HOLD UP MEASURE FAILS

SUFFRAGISTS LOSE FIGHT WHEN SENATE VOTES TO SUBMIT QUESTION TO ELECTORS.

INDORSEMENT CAUSES A ROW

House O. K.'s Bill Giving Quail Song Title—Effort To Rip Up Von derheide Conservancy Act Seen in Madison Legislator's Proposal.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—Amid an ever-increasing rush of bills of all varieties and descriptions, the General Assembly has been handling some important matters of state. Chief among them was the adoption by the Senate by an overwhelming vote of the joint resolution to submit the question of general suffrage for women to the electors in November.

The suffrage lobby was defeated in the attempt to fight back this measure until it could put through the measure which passed the House last week conferring Presidential suffrage upon women. It now will seek to defeat the submission amendment in the lower branch.

In that division the sporting fraternity of the state received a decisive defeat when the bill placing quail in the classification of song birds, thus prohibiting their being shot or trapped, was passed by a tremendous majority and sent to the Senate.

After a hard fight, in which the city members were threatened openly by Representative L. P. Cain, of Noble, a physician, with the defeat of all measures of financial relief unless they receded from opposing the measure, the lower branch also passed the Hays bill, which gives the power of law governing the certification of registered nurses and permits medical boarding houses and small hospitals to confer this degree.

Though fiercely attacked by Representative Andrew Fleming, of Youngstown, the agrarian appeal was responded to by the rural members, who got the measure across by a bare majority. Party lines were disregarded, and the old-line of the country against the city was witnessed.

In the Senate there is a raging witless contest over the form of the indorsement of the course of President Woodrow Wilson and the pledging to him of support in the name of the state.

Progress was noted in the matter of enacting the platform pledges of both parties in the matter of passing a law permitting absent voters to cast their ballots by mail and to require the names of candidates upon the primary ballots to be rotated in order to do away with the advantage of alphabetical position.

The Senate passed the absent voters bill of Senator Charles Mooney, of Cleveland, and the House the rotating bill of Representative Thomas Mulcahey, of Henry county.

Unusual increase in the number of new proposed laws is a steady feature of the sessions of the lower branch, which now is almost 150 measures ahead of the preceding house at this time. Their variety is infinite. Among the mass offered the most important was that of Representative John R. Fretner, of Vinton, which seeks to take from the state treasury between \$40,000 and \$50,000, and devote it to education.

The bill, prepared by former Representative George Morris, of Fairfield, a pedagogic, makes every school district a separate taxing district and requires the state to pay 25 per cent of the cost of tuition in them. In some instances the state is to pay one-half the salaries of the teachers.

State Has Monopoly. One of the most important things done during the last couple of days was the final enactment by the Senate, under suspension of the rules, of the initiative bill giving the state a monopoly of women's health insurance and excluding the competing liability companies. Only two votes, the same number as in the lower branch, were recorded against this action. Under the constitution this law will become operative within 90 days.

Brewery Agent Appeals. E. W. Bringham, of Hamilton, has asked the Supreme Court to determine whether the agent of a foreign brewery has the same right to sell from the company's wagons as a domestic brewery, under the Great Seal liquor license law, and whether the Ohio agent of a foreign brewery is liable for criminal acts of his employees in violation of the liquor license law. The Court of Appeals of Butler county ruled against Bringham.

Would Be Allowed. The Senate Committee on Public Health recommended Chairman Howell Wright's bill giving the Industrial Commission discretion to increase the allowances for hospital and medical attention, from \$500 provided by the compensation law is not sufficient.

To Hear Durr. Peter W. Durr, auditor of Hamilton county, will be given a hearing by the Special Taxation Committee. Following one more hearing, the committee will begin drafting a bill.

Independence Bill Favored. The House Committee on Schools reported with recommendation for passage the bill of Senator O'Brien, of Cincinnati, requiring the Declaration of Independence to be read once a month in all schools.

Calls for Estimates. Secretary of State W. D. Fulton sent word to all manufacturers of automobile license tags that he could reach asking them to submit estimates on immediate delivery of 100,000 or more tags.

A Blouse Hint. Are you making a georgette crepe blouse? Then before you take another stitch, read this very attractive way of treating the shoulder seams and armholes. For the very thin blouse you have probably got in the habit of having the seams hemstitched for a finer finish. With this method, however, you forget the sleeve into the armhole and the several beads over the stitching, slipping the beads over each fagoting stitch. The effect gained is that of a solid bead beading.

and adds a trimming touch to the blouse which you could not otherwise gain.

Fillet Crochet. One of the prettiest of the new things for tables is the runner or square of linen ornamented with fillet crochet. Some people are clever about the making of this themselves, and others are clever in buying beautiful pieces of it ready made. A small piece goes a great way, since these things are very handsome.

Noiseless Help. Caller—That new girl of yours seems nice and quiet. Hostess—Oh, very quiet. She doesn't even disturb me when she's cleaning the room.—Kansas City Star.

Self-Evident. "Men never appreciate their own possessions. Look how much more polite a man is to every other man's wife than to his own." "Yes, and look how much more interested a man takes in any other man's widow than his own."

Always sure to please. Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers sell it. Adv.

A woman can well deceive a man by telling him the truth.

Would Regulate Drug Sales.

Grave opposition has just arisen to the Helrich bill, which seeks to give to the State Board of Pharmacy almost absolute power over the sale of drugs and medicines in the state. Proprietary medical interests are alarmed and so are pharmacists. The measure is charged with attempting to force the disclosure of medical formulas. It also creates a new and arbitrary definition for medical substances under the name of "potent drugs," which are actually classified with virulent poisons, although they may be only camphor or castor oil.

Another arbitrary definition is that of "adult dosage," the fact being well-established that doses may vary as much as 1,000 per cent. Another dangerous feature cited is the giving to the board complete control over all medical preparations containing 5 per cent of alcohol and upward. Thus, spirits of camphor would be included, while a flavoring extract, composed largely of alcohol, would not. The bill would compel every customer to enter into a colloquy with the dispenser, no matter how harmless the article he was buying.

On the other hand it would give to druggists a complete monopoly, because the state board could easily direct affairs to this end and prohibit all but druggists to sell potent drugs, as it defined simple substances to be. Country general stores would be effectively hampered in dispensing simple remedies and dwellers in rural sections correspondingly inconvenienced.

As all emergencies are now under the control, the purpose of adding non-poisonous substances to the authoritative direction of the State Board of Pharmacy, not being clear, is called selfish and vicious.

Classes Are Expected. Special interest clashes will soon reach the furious stage. That between the building and loan associations which do a banking business and the state and national banks is serious and was really at the bottom of the defeat of the emergency clause in the state college bill last week.

Supporters of the position of the state banks were incensed at the action of Speaker Pro-tem W. W. Stokes, of Dayton, the Democratic leader, in jangling the Barrett bill, which divorces the associations from the banking business into a committee friendly to its indefinite postponement or emasculation. The banking interests assert that the Canny bill, offered by a Dayton member at the instance of the State League of Building and Loan Companies, will permit those organizations to assume the fullest banking powers and deal in commercial paper and chattel loans.

Safety-First Bills. Two so-called safety first bills aimed at railroads were offered in the General Assembly. One by Representative West, of Tuscarawas county, provides that every railroad crossing in Ohio shall be protected by an electric alarm, the gong on which must be audible at the distance of the eighth of a mile and which shall be "tripped" a half mile from the crossing. The other, by Representative Hill, of Licking, seeks to require a red light to be placed upon every car or part of a train, passenger or freight, left on a running track for longer than 30 minutes after nightfall. A third bill, by Representative Beetham, of Harrison, provides that the law against disorderly conduct on trains shall be extended to include and apply to conduct outside the municipalities, giving the railroads the authority to provide against rowdism.

Budget Almost Finished. Cancelling all engagements and placing an embargo on visitors, Governor James M. Cox will in the next few days endeavor to finish his budget and have it in the hands of the General Assembly for action. Upon its final adoption hinges the sine die adjournment of the body, which is planned for March 1. Within two or three days the special taxation committee with its legal advisers, Frederick W. Green, of Cleveland, and Charles A. Reid, of Washington C. H., will begin the actual preparation of the emergency tax assessment measure.

Would Shift Authority. The House Committee on Public Health recommended the Helrich bill, which takes from the State Board of Agriculture the authority to enforce the laws relating to the sale of narcotic drugs and confers it upon the State Board of Pharmacy. This change has been asked by the State Association of Druggists through a convention committee.

Favorable Recommendations. Given to the Fouts bill relating to accommodations for railway passengers by the House Committee on Cities. It provides that wherever a sewerage system exists the railroad station in the municipality shall be provided with suitable retiring rooms.

Bills Are Postponed. All bills extending the terms of county officials were indefinitely postponed by the House Committee on County Affairs. So were those making uniform the terms by requiring them all to begin January 1.

School Aid Asked. Superintendent of the Cincinnati Schools R. J. Condon was in Columbus and was heard by the committee having under consideration a bill to increase appropriations for education of the blind.

Ohio Bank Charters. The First National Bank of New Vienna, Ohio, has been granted a charter to begin business with a capital of \$25,000. The First National Bank of Marietta, Ohio, has been granted permission to increase its capital from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

Blasphemy Bill to Pass. The Blasphemy bill listing "Bob White" as a singer is scheduled to pass the house without any strong opposition. As usual, it is in the senate that the contest will be made.

My Own Shame. Robert's mother admonishing her small son generally, ended with the words: "I'd be ashamed of you if you did so and so," and the word ashamed, therefore, was constantly in his ears.

One day, after he had eaten up his little sister's candy, his mother said to him: "Robert, did you eat Dorothy's candy when I told you not to?" "Yes, ma'am," said Robert in a tone of triumph, "and I'm just as ashamed of myself as I can be, so you needn't be ashamed of me at all!"—New York Evening Post.

Transformed Weeds. There are some beautiful flowers which are the pride of our gardens nowadays, which began as weeds. Many of our faults could be changed into something admirable, if only we took pains to eradicate. Avarice, by a little wise direction, becomes prudence and thrift, while extravagance is so closely related to generosity that the one can easily become the other. There is hardly a fault that is not so closely related to a virtue that it may be made into the virtue by taking sufficient pains.—Girl's Companion.

No Hope. "What's that thing, dear?" "That's the medicine ball I bought you." "Then I'm afraid there is no hope for me." "Why not?" "I never can swallow that."

Naturally. "We want a fellow of push as salesman in our business." "What is it?" "Making baby carriages." "Ah! then almost any married man would do."

Contrary Trials. Manager—You say the angel refuses to give you more advance money? Star—Says he won't advance another cent. Manager—Then there'll be the devil to pay!

Hypocrite Is Defined. "Tendency Johnny, can you tell me what a hypocrite is?" Johnny—Yes, ma'am. It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Beca of its safety and effectiveness, Quinine can be taken by anyone without danger to the head. It is the only one—Bromo Quinine. E. W. GROVES, agent on each box.

To the family exchequer the wife's output is of more importance than the husband's income.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

When a wise man bets on anything he lets his wife hold the stakes.

Always sure to please. Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers sell it. Adv.

A woman can well deceive a man by telling him the truth.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

BIRDS IN THE ZOO.

"All the birds in the Bird House of the Zoo," said Daddy, "were having such a good time. They were all praising up their own plumage and having a splendid time boasting and bragging."

"Ah," said the Black-Headed Ibis, "I can have a better time than you. I'm a Black-Headed Ibis, 'how very better time.'"

"You're a cousin of mine," said the White-Headed Ibis, "but I think I'm far the most exquisite. Black is too dismal, scarlet one can get tired of—'but white is always perfect.'"

"It all depends on taste," said the Black-Headed Ibis and the Scarlet-Headed Ibis together.

"Ah, but my head looks snowy white," said the Snowy White-Headed Ibis.

"You're all very handsome," said the Pelican, "but I can have a better time. I can eat and drink more than any of you."

"That's being like an animal they call the Pig," said the Black-Headed Ibis.

"And I've one of the finest bills ever seen," continued the Pelican.

"It's remarkably long, if that's what you mean," said the Scarlet-Headed Ibis.

"And some Creatures wouldn't consider it handsome by any means," said the Snowy White-Headed Ibis.

"Ah, but look at me," said the lovely pale-pink Flamingo. "Did you ever see such beautiful color as I have?"

"You certainly are beautiful," the other birds agreed. "But your color is fading."

"I know it," said the Flamingo. "When I am wild it is a very bright shade of pink, but it gets to be a pale pink when I live in the Zoo. That's the reason I'm here."

"I'm pretty interesting," said the Goshawk. "I go high up in trees. I have a yellow face and when anyone talks to me or surprises me, I put my feathers straight up on top of my head as though to say: 'Why do you surprise me?' and 'What do you want to know?'"

"I'm the European Spoon-Bill Bird, and I think I'm about as fine as a Bird can be," said the Spoon-Bill Bird.

"It's just as well we all like ourselves," so much," said the Black-Headed Ibis. "Now I like to eat good food, so I'm what you call a sensible Bird."

"It's only sensible if you like it," said the White-Headed Ibis.

"And then many of the other Birds began to talk and fly this way and that, saying one thing or another. There were so many beautiful Birds—they were so gorgeous plumage and such interesting faces that it would have been hard for anyone to decide which was the loveliest. And some were so interesting."

"But didn't they sing?" asked Nancy. "They made sounds," said Daddy. "But they shrieked and chattered more than they sang, for all the Birds in this Bird House I'm telling you about were the large birds. There were none in there like the Orioles, the Gold Finch family or the Canaries."

"But while they were all talking the Laughing Gull began to speak. 'I have a nice Black head,' he said, 'and I have a good long beak, but better than anything else I can laugh. That's half the fun of life—to be able to laugh.'"

"I wish I could laugh like you